Japanese Journal of Public Health:
Instructions to Authors

Aims and Scope
The Japanese Journal of Public Health is intended to be a vehicle for the exploration and discussion of broad public health issues and is aimed in particular at enhancing communication between researchers, legislators, decision-makers, practitioners, and other professionals in the various areas of public health. In order to achieve the Journal’s objectives, authors are encouraged to write in a non-technical style which is understandable to public health practitioners and specialists from other disciplines.

The Japanese Journal of Public Health is affiliated with Japanese Society of Public Health (hereafter, the Society), and all authors should be current members of the Society.

General
From November 2004, the Japanese Journal of Public Health has published English as well as Japanese articles. Initially an exclusive English issue was published once a year, but the eventual aim is that any issue may contain both Japanese and English articles. Those who intend to publish an English article should please follow the instructions below. It is necessary to submit an original and two copies of the manuscript with an electronic file (preferably well-established software) stored on a floppy diskette. Every manuscript will be examined by members of the Editorial Board and external reviewers to determine whether it should be published in the Journal. Based on the reviews, some revisions may be required. Final decisions will be made by the Editorial Board. Rejected manuscripts and illustrations will not be returned, unless otherwise requested.

Types of contribution
1. Sounding Board: This covers suggestions, proposals, or opinions regarding public health policy, legislation, practice, and research. Articles may be submitted or invited, and the text is limited to 2,500 words.
2. Review Article: Reviews and comments of articles on progress in any field of public health. Submitted or invited, the text is limited to 4,000 words, excluding tables, figures, and references. The total number of tables and figures should be no more than six.
3. Original Article: Submitted paper to document results of original research. The material should not have been previously published elsewhere, except in a preliminary form. The text is limited to 3,500 words, excluding tables, figures, and references. The total number of tables and figures should be no more than six.
4. Short Communication: Concise but complete descriptions of limited investigations, which will not be included in a later paper. The text is limited to 1,000 words, excluding tables, figures, and references. Total number of tables and figures should be no more than two. The number of references is limited to 10.
5. Public Health Report: Reports of processes and important findings within public health practice. The material should not have been previously published elsewhere, except in a preliminary form. The text is limited to 3,500 words, excluding tables, figures, and references. The total number of tables and figures should be no more than six.
6. Research Note: Submitted paper which is very much informative and/or contains original data useful for public health. The text is limited to 3,500 words, excluding tables, figures, and references. The total number of tables and figures should be no more than six.
7. Letter: Opinions on various topics from members of the Society are welcome. However, to be considered for publication, a manuscript should be pertinent, factual and concise. The text is limited to 600 words with no tables or figures.

Preparation of manuscripts
Manuscripts, written in English, in triplicate, must be complete in all respects, i.e. three copies of all
items, including figures and tables. The manuscript
should be typed with double and wide margins, on
one side of pages of uniform size, numbered con-
secutively. Manuscripts must be checked by an En-
lish native speaker, and the author should submit
proof of this check.

In the title page of the article, the numbers of words
in the text, tables, and figures should be mentioned;
however, neither names nor academic titles will be
listed. Author’s full names and academic or profes-
sional affiliations should be included, on a separate
page. The name and address of the author to whom
correspondence may be sent should be indicated, in-
cluding a telephone number, fax number, and e-
mail address for immediate inquiries from the Soci-
ety.

A structured summary (objectives, methods, results,
and conclusion) up to 200 words should be included,
except in the Sounding Board and Letter cases, with the
manuscript together with up to 6 key words which
will be used for indexing.

Illustrations must be submitted in triplicate, and
reach the editors in a form and condition suitable for
reproduction. The illustrations must bear a title, and
be numbered in Arabic numerals according to the
sequence of their appearance in the text, where they
are to be referred to as Figure 1, Figures 2–4, etc.
Line drawings should be in black ink on drawing or
tracing paper. Lettering should be clear and of ade-
quate size to be legible after reduction.

Tables should be typed (double spaced), each on a
separate page, numbered in sequence in Arabic
numerals (Table 1, Table 2, etc.), provided with a
brief descriptive title, and referred to in the text as
Table 1, etc.

Literature citation should be made at appropriate
points in the text as numbers in brackets. All refer-
cences cited in the text should be listed at the end of
the paper on a separate page (also double spaced),
arranged in numerical order of their appearance in
the text, rather than in alphabetical order. Literature
references must be complete, including names and
initials of all authors (if there are more than three,
list the first three plus et al.), title of the paper
referred to, title of journal, year, volume, and first
and last page numbers. Journal titles may be abbrevi-
ated but in a formal manner (see Example 1). The
form of literature references to books should be:
author(s), initials, title of book, publisher and city,
year and page numbers (see Example 2). Refer-
ences to authors contributing to multi-author books
or to proceedings printed in book form should be in
line with those for books (see Example 3). Other-
wise, please refer to Uniform Requirements for
Manuscripts Submitted to Biomedical Journals: Writing
and Editing for Biomedical Publication issued by the
International Committee of Medical Journal Editors
(http://www.icmje.org/).

Examples:
1) Torres RA, Barr M. Impact of combination
therapy for HIV infection on inpatient census.
2) Drummond MF, O’Brien B, Stoddart GL, et
al. Method for the Economic Evaluation of
Health Care Programmes. 2nd Edition. Ox-
ford: Oxford University Press, 1997; 52–95.
3) Gurman AS, Kniskern DP. Family therapy
outcome research: knowns and unknowns. In:
of Family Therapy. New York: Brunner/Maan-
zel, 1981; 742–775.

Copyright
An author, when quoting from someone else’s work
or when considering reproducing an illustration or
table from a published book or journal article,
should make sure that he/she is not infringing a
copyright. Although in general an author may quote
from other published works, he/she should obtain
permission from the holder of the copyright if he/she
wishes to make substantial extracts or to reproduce
tables, plates, or other illustrations. If the copyright-
holder is not the author of the quoted or reproduced material, it is recommended that the permission of the author should be sought. Material in unpublished letters and manuscripts is also protected and must not be published unless permission has been obtained. A suitable acknowledgment of any borrowed material must always be made.

**Ethical consideration and conflicts of interest**

Human studies should be conducted in accordance with the recommendations outlined in the Declaration of Helsinki and guidelines for human studies issued by the authorized body in the country where research is performed. Animal experiments should be conducted in accordance with guidelines for animal experiments established by their institution. The authors should mention, if necessary, ethical consideration of their study in the text (preferably in the section of Method). Also, the authors should state any conflicts of interest, if they have.

**Submission of manuscripts**

Submission of a manuscript to the Journal implies that it is not under consideration for publication elsewhere and furthermore that, with the exception of review papers, it contains original work not previously published elsewhere. On submission, all the authors should sign a copyright transfer form attached to the Journal, which contains a statement that a manuscript is not published elsewhere. Submission of a manuscript implies the transferal of copyright from the authors to the Society, in accordance for publication.

**Submission and publication fees**

A submission fee of ¥5,000 should be sent to the Society at the time of submission. The number for the postal money order is 00110–8–129419 (NIHON KOSHU EISEI GAKKA). Printing fees will be charged at the following rate; ¥7,500 for each page (a 70% discount will be given by the Society) and actual expenses for illustrations at the time of publication.

**Proofs**

Proofs will only be supplied for the author to check for typesetting accuracy and no changes to the original manuscript will be allowed at this stage. Return of proofs should not cause delays in publication and the Society will proceed if proofs are not returned before the deadline stipulated.

**Reprints**

Reprints of articles may be ordered by completing and returning to the Society the order form sent to authors upon acceptance of their papers.

**Address all submissions to**

**Japanese Journal of Public Health**

**Japanese Society of Public Health**

1–29–8 Shinjuku, Shinjuku-ku

Tokyo 160–0022